

# **GLOBAL DRUG POLICY PROGRAM'S CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT: DRUG POLICY INITIATIVES IN ASIA\***

## **INTRODUCTION**

Launched in 2008, the Global Drug Policy program (GDPp) strives to broaden, diversify and consolidate the network of like-minded organizations that are actively challenging the current state of international drug policy. The GDPp seeks to strengthen networking and collaboration within both existing and new drug policy initiatives to pave the way to possible reforms.

The GDPp is requesting letters of intent from organizations active or interested in drug policy reform in selected countries within Asia. Successful applicants will be invited to a capacity building and networking meeting in December where they will have the opportunity to network with other policy advocates.

## **GDPp FUNDING PRIORITIES**

The GDPp is interested in supporting projects, concepts, initiatives and organizations that address the following priorities.

- Proportionality of criminal justice policy (in line with the international criminal justice guidelines the punishment should be proportional to the committed crime i.e. different for possessing small quantities than for illicit trafficking).
- Engagement of law enforcement agencies in debates on evidence-based policy
- Awareness building initiatives that target either policy makers and government or the general public in an effort to provide evidence-based information on substance use and drug policy reform.
- Documenting human rights violations of people who use drugs and/or communities affected by drug policies.
- Networking and collaboration with other related policy initiatives across the region.

While these are suggested thematic areas, applicants are encouraged to submit ideas that may not explicitly fit into the above categories while still focusing on drug policy.

**Deadline for submissions of letters of intent:** Friday September 17, 2010

Successful applicants will be notified by Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Successful applications will be asked to confirm participation by October 8<sup>th</sup> and be available for travel to a Capacity Building and Networking meeting December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship to the meeting will include airfare and transportation costs, accommodation, and a per diem for one person per successful application.

\* For this strategy, the GDPp's priority countries are: Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Japan

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- One letter of intent per organization
- Demonstrated ability to work with others
- Advocacy experience in related areas such as: human rights, HIV and AIDS, access to health care and treatment, harm reduction, drug policy...
- Eligible countries include: Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Japan
- Applications must be submitted in English.

## **LETTER OF INTENT SHOULD CONSIST OF:**

### **1. General information on the group:**

- a. Organization or group name:
- b. Organization or group address:
  - o Country:
  - o Postal address:
  - o Telephone #:
  - o Fax #:
  - o Website:
- c. Contact Person
  - o Name:
  - o Contact details
  
- d. Please list the mission of the organization or group.

### **2. Two paragraphs about work of the organization or group to date.**

**3. Two paragraphs about ideas for future engagement in drug policy.** Please include the explanation why your project is currently needed in your country or region.

**4. Description of the existing partnerships.** Please describe also how your organization/project/initiative will collaborate with other organizations working on drug policy reform.

**Letter of Intent must be submitted by Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Please send the Letter of Intent electronically to [gdrugpolicy@sorosny.org](mailto:gdrugpolicy@sorosny.org), **SUBJECT: Letter of Intent, Asia Drug Policy.** All applicants will receive a confirmation when the Global Drug Policy program receives their submission. Successful applicants will be notified by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Thank you in advance! We look forward to receiving your submission and learning more from your ideas.



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